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To: Congressional Health Staff

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Re: CMS Issues Supplemental FY2011 IPPS Proposed Rule to Implement

Provisions of the Affordable Care Act

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a supplemental proposed rule implementing changes in payments for inpatient stays in acute care hospitals paid under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) under the LTCH Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 that were required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (collectively known as the Affordable Care Act). In addition, CMS issued a notice publicizing revised rates effective for payment years beginning FY 2010 (or October 1, 2009). These revised rates are used to pay hospitals for discharges on or after April 1, 2010, as a result of provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

CMS previously issued a proposed rule on April 19, 2010, which would update FY 2011 payment rates and policies for the IPPS and the LTCH PPS, but did not include changes from provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

CMS will accept comments on today's supplemental proposed rule until June 21, 2010. CMS will review these comments along with timely received comments on the April 19 proposed rule, and respond to all comments in a final rule.

For a copy of the supplemental proposed rule, please visit www.federalregister.gov/inspection.aspx#special.

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.